

March 15, 1945

Mr. Sid Pollock
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Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 8, addressed to Mr. John A. Zeller, business manager of the Detroit Baseball Association, Briggs Stadium, has been referred to me for response, inasmuch as the same concerns Negro baseball at the stadium,

Please be advised that I handle Negro baseball at the Briggs Stadium consequently, all communications concerning the subject should be addressed to me. My office is 1945 St. Antoine and mail addressed thus, reaches me much more promptly, although, of course, I visit the stadium several times a week and get what mail is intended for me there, but not so promptly.

Coming, now, to the subject which you discussed in your letter of March 8th, may I state that there are more clubs seeking dates at the Briggs Stadium than we have dates to offer. I am perfectly aware of the Clowns' reputation and, possibly, I may have booked them this season or last, but here at Briggs Stadium, I am endeavoring to present bona fide baseball rather than "side-shows" and the name Clowns has never registered favorably with me. However there is an outside possibility that I may be willing to consider your application for our September date-(I am booking one game each month, with the exception of June when there are two games booked.) However, one of the teams booked for the September date has been placed in the doubtful column by its failure to qualify, so far. I am going to get in touch with that club in a day or so and if there is to be a change I may be willing to consider your club.

Yours very truly,

John R. Williams